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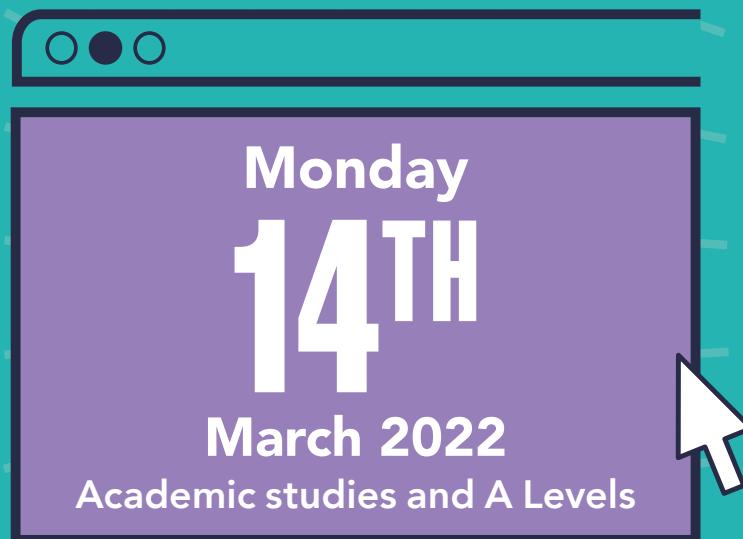
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# **OPEN DAYS**

**Our Open Days mean you can come and see what we have to offer for yourself.**

You'll be able to find out more about what The Sheffield Sixth Form has to offer, tour our facilities and find out more about the options available.



To book your place at any of our Open Days, access our Virtual Open Days and for all the latest information, please visit [www.sheffcol.ac.uk/open-days](http://www.sheffcol.ac.uk/open-days)

**From 4pm–7pm**

**All information is available at our Virtual Open Days.**  
For more information, please visit [sixthform.sheffcol.ac.uk](http://sixthform.sheffcol.ac.uk)

# WELCOME

## Are you thinking about leaving school and keen to make a fresh start?

At The Sheffield College, we provide an exciting A Level subject offer that will help you go further in your career.

If you want to make a fresh start as well as new friends, study in great facilities and benefit from fantastic support to help you thrive and succeed, then our A Level subjects are for you.

Our dedicated sixth form facility is equipped with the latest technology, interactive classrooms, a common room and social spaces. More importantly, our students really enjoy their time with us, often achieving more than they thought was possible.

That's why I am so proud of The Sheffield Sixth Form, which is going from strength to strength and reflecting our vision of transforming lives through learning.

Our students maintained the College's highest ever pass rate for A Levels during the last academic year 2020/21.

What's more, around 66% of students achieved at least one A\* to B grade. The majority of A Level subject areas saw a 100% pass rate.

The Sheffield Sixth Form at City Campus, which is close to Sheffield city centre is well served by bus, tram and train routes.

You can choose to study three or four A Levels, and you will also get support with study skills, university and job applications, industry tasters and enrichment activities.

We will provide you with award-winning independent careers information, advice and guidance to help you achieve your goals. You'll also enjoy other aspects of college life through our enrichment activities.

It's one of the greatest pleasures of my job seeing students successfully move on to their next steps including top universities, apprenticeships and employment.

Our students have secured places at the University of Bristol, University of Cambridge, University of Durham, University of Leeds, University of Manchester, University of Loughborough, University of Newcastle, University of York and the University of Sheffield.

They have chosen degrees including archaeology, biomedical science, dentistry, law, medicine, midwifery, optometry, pharmacy, psychology and sustainability and environmental management.

**We look forward to welcoming you and seeing you go further in your studies.**



**Angela Foulkes,**  
Chief Executive and Principal  
The Sheffield College

# LOCATION AND FACILITIES

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The Sheffield Sixth Form is based at The Sheffield College's City Campus in the heart of Sheffield city centre. City Campus is easily accessible and well serviced by bus, tram and train routes across Sheffield and the surrounding areas. We are just a short walk from Sheffield's:

train station



5 minutes

bus station



10 minutes

city centre



15 minutes

The Sheffield Sixth Form provides students with:

interactive classrooms with the latest technology

exclusive access to a common room

social spaces

As well as the facilities in The Sheffield Sixth Form, students will also have access to all facilities at City Campus, including:

Learning Resource Centre

Student Central

Refectory

Sports hall and fitness suite

The Silver Plate Restaurant

Revive Hair and Beauty Salon



# ARE A LEVELS FOR YOU?

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At The Sheffield Sixth Form we have an extensive range of A Levels for you to choose from. This allows you to tailor your study to a specific career path or university course, or to keep your options open for the future.

A Levels give you a unique opportunity to study three or four different subjects at the same time, as you work towards gaining UCAS points for university entry and developing your knowledge in the subjects you choose.

Subjects can be assessed through exams but can also include coursework. Academic study skills (such as research, referencing and essay writing) are also embedded within all our A Levels as we help you develop the transferable skills required for university and your career.

## Entry requirements:

3 A Levels

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or higher, including English Language and Maths

4 A Levels

6 GCSEs at grade 6 or higher, including English Language and Maths

Additional entry requirements for specific subjects are shown on the relevant course pages of this prospectus.



**Phoenix Dolan,**

English Language, Film Studies and History.  
Now studying a Degree in Marketing Communications  
and Advertising at Sheffield Hallam University.

"I'm happy with my results. I've enjoyed  
the atmosphere as it is less rigid than  
being at school."



# TOP TIPS FOR CHOOSING A LEVELS

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## **Choose what you're interested in**

A Levels last for two years. Two years is a long time to study any subject, so make sure that you choose subjects which you have a passion for as you will be expected to put the work in outside of the classroom.

## **Think about what you want to study at university**

If you already have your eye on a specific course at university, it is worth checking the entry requirements before you choose your A Levels. As well as UCAS points, some universities require additional entry requirements, such as A Level-specific subjects, so it is important that you plan ahead.

## **Choose subjects which complement each other**

If you have a set idea about one or two of the subjects that you want to study but not the others, then it makes sense for you to choose subjects which are linked to your initial choices. It will help you develop a more rounded and thorough understanding of all subjects. We have developed a pathway approach to help you with this.

## **Keep your options open**

Of course, it's also completely fine if you don't know what you want to study next. A Levels are also great for keeping your options open by choosing a variety of different subjects. Make sure you still think about studying what you are interested in and what you are good at.

# GETTING YOU READY FOR UNIVERSITY AND WORK

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**At The Sheffield Sixth Form, we're here to help you go further. We will support your progression to university, Higher or Degree Apprenticeships, or employment in a number of ways.**

If you are hoping to apply for university, we will make sure that you are fully equipped with all the information you need to make the right decision. Throughout the year, we will prepare you by organising:

- trips to UCAS exhibitions and university fairs
- visits to universities around the country
- inspirational guest speakers and alumni
- workshops about decision making, student finance and how to apply through UCAS

University is not your only opportunity, though. We also work hard to prepare you for employment by giving you the opportunity to make yourself stand out from the crowd. To complement your studies we will arrange:

- careers talks
- masterclasses from industry experts
- visits to the workplace in a variety of industries
- opportunities for work experience and mentoring
- opportunities to work on projects set by employers
- exhibitions to display work or make presentations



**Kat Padmore,**

English Literature, Film Studies and Media Studies.  
Now studying a Degree in Filmmaking at the  
University of Leeds.

“Studying at The Sheffield Sixth Form has been the best educational experience of my life. I’ve really enjoyed my subjects, the teachers are great and I’ve had so much fun. The SEND team has been incredible – I couldn’t have done it without them.”



**Lewis Robinson,**

Media Studies, English Language and Sociology. Now studying a Degree in Journalism and Multimedia at the University of Salford’s Media City UK.

“I’m really pleased with my results. Coming here has really opened up different ways of learning.”



# TEACHING

**Insight, knowledge, passion and commitment.**  
**Experts of their field. Many of our excellent teaching staff have worked, or are still working, in the industry that you are trying to break into.**

They are all about you. It's their job to support you on your career path from start to finish.

The industry insight that our Tutors possess means that they are able to share their knowledge and experiences with you, including what to expect when you qualify, what problems you might experience and how to overcome them. It also means that they can open doors for networking and arrange unrivalled behind-the-scenes trips to the workplace.

This experience is invaluable to your progression and their passion for the industry gives you a fantastic advantage when it comes to applying for a job.



# INDEPENDENT STUDY

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During A Level study you will be expected to work hard outside of your lessons in order to achieve the highest grades possible.

In a typical week you will need to spend 37 hours on your studies. This is comprised of classroom learning, tutorials, work experience and independent work which is important preparation for university.

# TUTORIALS

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In addition to your A Level subjects, you will also meet with your Tutorial Mentor each week. Your Tutorial Mentor is there to support you with any queries or support needs you may have.

Our tutorials provide you with a fantastic support network and advise you about support with finances, exam stress or additional learning support needs.



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## Alex Durham,

English Language, English Literature and History. Now studying American Studies and Politics at the University of Sussex.



"I am really pleased with my results! It's been a great experience studying at the college. I made a good decision going back into education."



## Katie Wells,

English Language, Geography and Film Studies.  
Katie progressed to study BA Primary Education with QTS at Sheffield Hallam University.

"All of my Tutors went above and beyond to help me succeed with my studies. They took my dyslexia in to account, providing me with support and encouragement when I was preparing for university interviews and pre-entry exams."

# STUDENT SUPPORT

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**We understand the stresses that come with studying. Our fantastic Student Support Team are here to help you with any questions, concerns or problems that you might face with us.**

Our Student Support Team are based in Student Central and will help you with just about anything, including:

- ..... issues of a personal nature
- ..... travel to and from college
- ..... financial support
- ..... in-class support
- ..... support with exams
- ..... support with a learning or physical disability

For more information, please contact [info@sheffcol.ac.uk](mailto:info@sheffcol.ac.uk)

# GO FURTHER WITH CAREERS

## Careers advice

We know that the decisions you make now can help shape your future career and path to university.

As a student at The Sheffield Sixth Form, you will work closely with our Careers Team to help you plan your future.

We will work with you individually, talking you through your ideas and looking at the progression options open to you.

You will also be able to access advice through in-class sessions, or at careers fairs and events that we hold regularly.

For example, we will support you through the UCAS application process or keep you up-to-speed with new opportunities and pathways in the ever-changing job market.

You can contact our Careers Team on **CEIAG@sheffcol.ac.uk**



# MONEY

We will always do our best to support you through your studies, this includes helping with finances. We have a specialist support team who can give you all the advice you need, including what financial support might be available to you so that you don't go short during your studies.

Have a look at the following information and see if you are eligible for any of the financial support options.

If you would like to check your eligibility or want to enquire further, please talk to us as soon as possible.

## Free College Meals

If you meet the eligibility criteria we'll be able to support you with free meals at college. You'll get a set amount of money that you can use within the college shops and diners each day you're in. This will be added to your student ID card which allows you to purchase items via our contactless system.

## 19 + Advanced Learner Loan

If you are aged 19 or over, there could be a loan available to help fund your study. You can find full details at [www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan](http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan)

## Travel Pass

Students who live in South Yorkshire are eligible for a 16–18 Travel Pass, entitling pass holders to cheaper travel on buses and trams in South Yorkshire. Pass holders are also entitled to half fare on Northern train services in South Yorkshire. You can apply for a student pass at [www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/studentpasses](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/studentpasses) or purchase a value pass from us at reception, including a college-specific product for all ages.

## Student Support Fund

Students who are enrolled with us may receive support towards the cost of:

- travel
- books and materials
- uniform and equipment
- essential course trips
- NUS Totum card
- DBS checks needed for your course (previously known as CRB)
- childcare

Please contact [financial-support@sheffcol.ac.uk](mailto:financial-support@sheffcol.ac.uk) for more information.

If childcare is affecting your opportunity for further study and you are aged 19 or under, you may be able to get extra help via the Care to Learn Scheme. Go to [www.gov.uk/care-to-learn](http://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn) for more information.

If you are aged 20+, you can apply for the 20+ Childcare Fund. Contact our Financial Support Team for more details on all the above at [financial-support@sheffcol.ac.uk](mailto:financial-support@sheffcol.ac.uk)



### Sam Wright,

English Language, Film Studies and Psychology.  
Sam progressed to study a football scholarship at a university in America.

**"I'm really pleased with my results. I worked really hard during the last year and it's paid off. I owe a lot to my lecturers, they have been brilliant and so supportive. I'm looking forward to moving to the States. I've always wanted to do something different."**



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## **Tom Robson,**

English Literature, History, Sociology.  
Now studying History and Politics at the University  
of Cambridge.



**“During the last two years I’ve matured as a person and gained in confidence, and The Sheffield Sixth Form has had a direct influence on this. You’re introduced to a variety of people from various areas and of different ages which has a positive impact in helping you to mature in social settings.”**



## **Bella Degg,**

English Literature, English Language and Sociology.  
Bella progressed to the University of Sheffield to study  
BA Korean Studies.

**“I learnt academic skills that I can now put to use at university, including exam techniques, essay writing and referencing. I went on to study BA Korean Studies where I studied intensive Korean language and other cultural modules such as politics and history surrounding Korea and East Asia.”**

# BIOLOGY

**100%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

**This subject will suit you if you wish to have a career or study a degree in a biological science.**

**It will introduce you to more complex theory than you will have covered at GCSE, as well as develop the necessary practical and analytical skills needed for further study.**

You will study a wide range of key elements such as human, animal and plant cells, biological molecules, genetics and ecology.

## Key units:

### Year 1

- ..... Biological molecules (proteins, lipids, carbohydrates, enzymes, nucleic acids)
- ..... Cells and cell structure, and membranes
- ..... Transport (osmosis, diffusion, active transport) and plant transport
- ..... The cardiovascular system
- ..... The gas exchange system

### Year 2

- ..... Nervous and hormonal control of systems
- ..... The biochemistry of respiration and photosynthesis
- ..... Excretion
- ..... Genetics and gene technology (cloning and genetic engineering)
- ..... Ecology

## Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 9-6 in Maths
- Grade 9-6 in Biology (if sciences studied separately)
- Grade 9-6 in Double Science, or Core Science and Additional Science

# BUSINESS STUDIES

**100%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

This A Level covers all aspects of business relevant in today's economic climate. You will look at key developments in the business world, including digital technology, business ethics and globalisation which is of particular importance in the UK in the wake of the Brexit referendum.

Throughout this subject you will learn about what businesses do and how they do it, what factors are likely to make businesses successful, and practical information about the legal and financial requirements of the business world.

## Key units:

### Year 1

- ..... The four functional areas of a business; finance, marketing, HR and operations
- ..... The interrelated nature of business functions and how they affect competitiveness
- ..... The competitive environment and the markets in which businesses operate
- ..... The influences on functional decisions and plans
- ..... The importance of decision making and the factors that might determine whether a decision is successful

### Year 2

- ..... The impact of technology on strategic decision making
- ..... The influences of Corporate Social Responsibility, ethical and environmental issues on strategic decisions
- ..... The difficulties in forecasting future trends
- ..... The importance of assessing feasibility and risk when making strategic decisions
- ..... The impact of stakeholders on strategic decisions and their response to such decisions

# Common Room



# CHEMISTRY

**100%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

**Knowledge of chemistry is fundamental to an understanding of biology and biochemistry, and of certain aspects of geology, astronomy, physics and engineering.**

This subject aims to:

- develop your interest in, and enthusiasm for, chemistry, including developing an interest in further study and careers in chemistry
- develop an appreciation of how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society
- develop and demonstrate a deeper appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of 'How Science Works'
- develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of chemistry and how they relate to each other

## Key units:

### Year 1

Atomic structure

Bonding

Reactions associated both with inorganic and organic chemistry

Modern analytical techniques

The link between chemistry and the environment

### Year 2

Concepts from year 1 are developed further

## Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 9-6 in Maths
- Grade 9-6 in Chemistry (if sciences studied separately)
- Grade 9-6 in Double Science, or Core Science and Additional Science

# COMPUTER SCIENCE

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**A Level Computer Science is an exciting but demanding subject that will help you develop an analytical, problem-solving approach which is sometimes called 'computational thinking'.**

This subject will equip you with the fundamentals of problem-solving which you will put into practice by developing computer programs using Visual Basic .NET. It is crucial that you spend time every week developing your programming skills outside lessons. In the second year of the subject, you will undertake a significant programming project which you will choose yourself.

In A Level Computer Science, students learn the principles of computation and algorithms, computer programming, machine data representation, computer systems (hardware and software), computer organisation and architecture, communications and networking, databases and the consequences of using computing.

Computer science is a discipline which requires thinking both in abstract and in concrete terms. On a higher level, computer science is concerned with problem-solving: modelling and analysing problems, designing solutions, and implementing them. Problem-solving requires precision, creativity, and careful reasoning.

This OCR A Level Computer Science can be studied alongside Maths, Physics and Economics.

## Key units:

Computer systems	.....	Programming project	.....
Algorithms and programming	.....		

# CRIMINOLOGY

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**Criminology is the study of the reasons why individuals commit crimes. By understanding why a person commits a crime, we can develop ways to control crime or rehabilitate the criminal. There are many theories in criminology.**

This subject will offer you an exciting insight into the field of criminology. You will study crime, deviance and the criminal justice system. You will develop your understanding of the key concepts, theories and principles of criminology, and their application across a range of case studies and examples.

Knowing about the different types of crime and the criminological approaches to theory will give you a sharper insight into the kind of thinking used by experts and politicians to explain crime and criminality. Public law makers are informed by theory and apply these theories to their own solutions to the problem of crime.

## Key units:

Changing awareness of crime  
.....  
Criminological theories  
.....

Crime scene to courtroom  
.....  
Crime and punishment  
.....

## Forensic Science pathway:

We have developed a new Forensic Science pathway that allows learners to study A Level Criminology alongside BTEC Diploma in Applied Science which supports progression to higher education courses in forensics and criminology. This subject may be suitable for those learners who wish to pursue a more practical approach to learning.



# ECONOMICS

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**Economics includes the study of how people behave and interact with each other, as well as the dynamic between consumers, manufacturers and government.**

You'll look at the fundamental forces which affect our lives, such as employment, prices, international trade and poverty. Economists are often in healthy debate with each other over these issues and it is this controversy which makes the subject lively and interesting, and which allows you the opportunity to make your own judgements and form your own opinions. There are several definitions of economics, with each trying to encapsulate the essence of the subject. However, most textbooks seem to agree that "economics concerns the allocation of society's scarce resources amongst the many alternative uses to which they could be put."

Students develop the knowledge and skills needed to understand and analyse data, think critically about issues and make informed decisions. They will also build upon their quantitative skills and appreciate that, when evaluating arguments, both qualitative and quantitative evidence are important.

This AQA A Level in Economics can be studied alongside Maths, Sociology, Psychology, Politics, Geography and Business.

## **Key units:**

Individuals, firms, markets and market failure

The national and international economy

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**The study of the English Language A Level allows you to refine and develop your powers of reading, writing and analysis, whilst preparing you for possible study at university. You will read and explore the use of language in a variety of texts, including advertisements, newspaper articles, short stories, speech transcripts, social media, letters and travel writing. This will include exploring how people, events, places and cultures are represented within those media.**

You will also study theories concerning language itself, including language change, gender, accent and dialect, teen sociolect and child language development.

## Key units:

### Paper 1

Language, the individual and society

Textual analysis and essay on child language development

### Paper 2

Language, diversity and change

Essay, analysis and opinion article on change and diversity topics

Non-Exam Assessment (NEA coursework): Language investigation and original writing

## Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 9-5 in English Language

# ENGLISH LITERATURE

**100%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

In this subject you will look at the way writers shape meaning through form, structure and language, and how texts relate to their historical and social contexts. The subject develops your powers of analysis, and your reading and writing skills. It also encourages personal response and engagement with texts and, hopefully, a love of literature.

The core content of the subject includes exploring texts in the key areas of love through the ages, texts in shared contexts (WW1 and its aftermath) and independent critical study. The subject involves studying prose, drama and poetry.

The important study skills needed for this subject are literacy: reading and writing. The key intellectual skills are an enquiring mind and a willingness to engage in literary debate.

## Key units:

### Paper 1 – Love through the ages

- one Shakespeare text
- one prose
- one poetry text
- one unseen poetry text

### Paper 2 – Texts in shared contexts (WW1 and its aftermath)

- one prose
- one drama
- one poetry text
- one unseen prose

NEA (coursework) is a comparative essay on two texts. This is 20% of the overall A Level.

## Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 9-5 in English Language

# FILM STUDIES

**100%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

**Film Studies is designed to deepen your understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of film - the major art form of the twentieth century.**

You will engage with a wide range of different kinds of films, developing skills of observation, critical analysis and personal reflection. You will have the ability to develop your creativity and practical skills by storyboarding and developing films, either in audio-visual or written form.

## Key units:

### Year 1

- ..... A comparative study of the classic Hollywood era and the new Hollywood era
- ..... A study of American film with focus on two key films
- ..... A study of British film with focus on two key texts

### Year 2

- ..... Understanding of world cinema, film genre and audiences
- ..... Global film analysis of one European film and one produced outside Europe; documentary film and film movements, including silent cinema and experimental film

You will also begin work on a practical film production that will be completed in Year 2. In your production session you will undertake research into film and develop a creative production based on your work.

# FINE ART

**100%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

**Fine Art will allow you to learn and experiment with new techniques in order to develop as an artist. In addition to experimenting with a whole range of drawing and painting materials, you will also have the opportunity to try printmaking, collage, photography and mixed media.**

Throughout the subject you will also learn by looking at the work of a number of modern and contemporary artists, and will gain the confidence to analyse and understand their ideas and techniques so that you can use this knowledge to develop your own work.

To begin with coursework projects are Tutor directed. As the subject progresses you will increasingly become a more independent learner and develop work based on your own interests and ideas.

There will be various enrichment opportunities offered throughout the subject, largely comprising of visits to exhibitions, both locally and nationally.

## Key units:

### Component 1

Personal investigation (supporting studies, practical work and a personal study)

### Component 2

Externally set assignment (preparatory studies and 15-hour period of sustained focus)

## Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 4 or above in an art-related subject



# GEOGRAPHY

**100%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

**Geography is a subject that seeks to understand the earth and the effects that human activity is increasingly having on it. This A Level will particularly appeal to you if you like asking questions and finding answers.**

You will learn to think independently so that you can understand geographical issues from a variety of viewpoints.

Recent geographical events will be incorporated into the subject and students will be encouraged to follow them on the news.

## Key units:

### Year 1

- ..... Tectonic hazards
- ..... Coastal landscapes
- ..... Globalisation
- ..... Urban and rural regeneration

### Year 2

- ..... Water cycle and insecurity
- ..... Carbon cycle and energy security
- ..... Superpowers
- ..... Health and human rights

Additionally, you will undertake a personal investigation which is based on your own fieldwork study. This is handed in during the second year.

# HISTORY

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**History is a broad subject that covers a variety of skills and knowledge areas.**

This subject focuses on British and European history in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Throughout the subject, we aim to stimulate your interest in the past and your appreciation of the importance of history in the contemporary world. We also aim to develop your understanding of the controversial nature of history and your skills of historical enquiry.

You will experience a mix of learning activities in class, and will be given a variety of tasks and assignments to be completed in your own time. This will mainly be on assignments set by your Tutors, but you will also be encouraged to take personal responsibility for your learning through self-assigned tasks such as extended research and note making.

## Key units:

### Year 1

German history from 1918 to 1989

Italian history from 1911 to 1946

### Year 2

French wars (1793-1815)

Crimean War (1854-56)

Second Boer War (1899-1902)

First World War (1914-18)

Your second year will also include the undertaking of coursework which focuses on the development of representation and democracy in Britain over the period 1830-1930, with a particular emphasis on the causes of change over the 100-year period.



# LAW

**98%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

**Law is an exciting and dynamic subject that governs every aspect of our lives, from conception to exhumation. It is a vital discipline and one which is respected by many universities because of the essential skills it develops. You will learn how the legal system operates in both civil and criminal law, and study key criminal offences/defences.**

The aim of this subject is to develop:

- knowledge and understanding of the English legal system, and areas of both private and public law within the law of England and Wales
- an understanding of legal method and reasoning as used by lawyers and the judiciary
- application of the techniques of legal method and reasoning to analyse and offer answers to problems based on legal principles, legislation and case law
- the ability to construct conclusions and communicate legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities
- the ability to communicate persuasive legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities, and to be able to demonstrate critical awareness of the influence and operation of the law in society

## Key units:

The legal system and criminal law

.....  
Law making and the law of tort

.....  
Further law

# MATHEMATICS

**100%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

**Mathematics is the study of quantity, structure, space and change. The mathematician Benjamin Peirce called mathematics “the science that draws necessary conclusions” and that is exactly what you’ll do on this subject.**

During the first year, you will study the content of the AS Mathematics syllabus. This will build on your knowledge and skills from GCSE, and equip you with a strong knowledge base in the key areas of mathematics such as algebra and calculus. This is assessed by two examinations in the summer term; one for each of the main topic areas of pure maths and applied maths. This will normally be by an internally set college paper to assess your progress on to the second year or the formal, externally set AS exam.

During the second year, students will further develop the new concepts and techniques studied at AS.

## Key units:

Year 1	Year 2
Algebra	Further calculus
Calculus	Further trigonometry
Trigonometry	Functions
Exponentials	Series
Curve sketching	Further statistics
Statistics	Further mechanics
Mechanics	

## Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 9-6 in Maths

# MEDIA STUDIES

**100%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

**Media Studies is a theoretical and creative practical subject in which you will learn about media texts, audiences and institutions in relation to the magazine, television, film, advertising and multi-media industries. Throughout this subject you will cover a variety of areas, both theoretical and practical.**

You will learn how to plan and create your own media from a specific brief, developing your technical skills and demonstrating your understanding of theoretical concepts. You will also learn about how the media represents different segments of society and how it is consumed.

## Key units:

Advertisements, news articles, computer games, magazines and films

Media issues and media representations

Media regulation and censorship

New technologies

Textual construction

Individual research project

Creating a media product (such as creating a magazine for students, a promotional campaign for a film or a music video)

# PHOTOGRAPHY

**100%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

**A Level Photography is an exciting subject which challenges you to apply technical understanding to conceptual photo-based project work. You will learn to use professional digital camera technologies and industry standard software to produce a creative portfolio.**

In addition to this, you will be trained to shoot on location in Sheffield's vibrant city centre where you will learn to capture a variety of different shots.

You will be introduced to a variety of experiences that explore a range of photographic media, techniques and processes, including the use of both traditional and new technologies. You will explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to a range of art, craft and design from the past and from recent times, including European and non-European examples.

## **Key units:**

You are required to work in one or more area(s) of photography such as those listed below. You may explore overlapping areas and combinations of areas:

.....  
portraiture

.....  
landscape photography (working from the urban, rural and/or coastal environment)

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still life photography (working from objects or from the natural world)

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documentary photography, photojournalism

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fashion photography

.....  
experimental imagery

.....  
multimedia

.....  
photographic installation

.....  
moving image (video, film, animation)

## **Additional GCSE entry requirements:**

- Grade 4 or above in an art-related subject

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**Our Physical Education A Level qualification allows students to play to their strengths and gain dynamic skills for university study and a healthy future.**

This subject will give you a fantastic insight into the amazing world of sports performance. Not only will you have the chance to perform or coach a sport through the Non-Exam Assessment component, you will also develop a wide-ranging knowledge into the how and why of physical activity and sport.

This subject can be studied alongside other A Level subjects such as Psychology and Biology, Chemistry and Maths.

Please note that one day a week will be taught at our Hillsborough Campus to take advantage of the high quality sports facilities with your remaining time being taught at the City Campus.

## Key units:

### Paper 1

Applied anatomy and physiology

Skill acquisition

Sport and society

### Paper 2

Exercise physiology and biomechanics

Sport psychology

Sport and society and technology in sport

30% Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) giving you the opportunity to apply the theory to your own sporting performance (as either a coach or a practitioner) and also to analyse performance in your chosen sport.

## Additional entry requirements:

You will need to take part in a sport at a competitive level for this A Level. Sports are wide-ranging and can include gymnastics, athletics, cricket, canoeing, cycling, football, hockey, kayaking, rock climbing, rugby, tennis, windsurfing, sailing, triathlon, boccia, blind cricket and more. You could also be part of one of our sport academies such as basketball.

# PHYSICS

**100%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

**A Level Physics builds your current knowledge of science and physics, and expands your learning into more complex areas, including particle matter, quantum phenomena and electricity.**

As well as your theoretical learning, you will develop investigative and practical skills as you apply that learning to experimental applications. This hands-on approach encourages an appreciation of the big picture in physics and aids in the development of rational thinking.

You will look at particles and quantum phenomena, electricity, mechanics, materials and waves. Then you will delve into further mechanics before exploring the fascinating areas of nuclear physics, medical imaging techniques, thermal physics and astrophysics.



**Additional GCSE entry requirements:**

- Grade 9-6 Maths
- Grade 9-6 Physics (if sciences studied separately)
- Grade 9-6 in Double Science, or Core Science and Additional Science

# POLITICS

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**As a politics student, you will develop knowledge and an informed understanding of contemporary political structures and issues in their historical context, both within the UK and globally.**

You will also develop a critical awareness of the changing nature of politics and the relationships between political ideas, institutions and processes, as well as develop knowledge and an informed understanding of the influences and interests which have an impact on decisions in government and politics.

You will explore the rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups, the ability to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate political information to form arguments, make judgements, develop an interest in, and engagement with contemporary politics.

It will be expected that you will take part in the college's clubs and societies and take a role in either representing your local community and college. This will help you to gain experience in a position of responsibility and further develop your political industrial skills

This AQA A Level in Politics can be studied alongside History, Economics, Law, Sociology, Psychology and Business.

## Key units:

Government and politics of the UK

Government and politics of the USA and comparative politics

Political ideas



# PSYCHOLOGY

**97%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

**Psychology is the study of human behaviour, and aims to explain how we develop and predict patterns of behaviour by using scientific observation and experimentation.**

You will learn about how our behaviour is influenced by other people and external stimuli such as stress, how psychology is employed by the media and psycho pathology. You'll also study and explore different research methods and how to apply these to psychological experiments.

Psychology can lead to careers in clinical psychology or research, and can provide a good balance to other subjects. The skills you will learn in psychology are highly transferable and will be of benefit to you at university and employment. For instance, you'll develop critical reasoning skills (essential for any degree), learn to analyse and interpret data, and how to put across your point of view fluently.

## Key units:

Social influence

Memory

Attachment

Psychopathology

Biopsychology

Approaches in psychology

Research methods

Issues and debates in psychology

Schizophrenia

Relationships

Forensic psychology

## Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 9-5 English Language and Maths, and at least one science subject depending on future progression

# SOCIOLOGY

**100%**  
**PASS RATE**  
on this subject

**Sociology is one of the social sciences and tries to understand human behaviour in the wider context of society. It particularly concerns the study of social life, offering different explanations and evidence for what affects our social behaviour. Sociologists are also interested in the historical development of societies.**

We can all see evidence of social influences and factors, and statistically there are correlations between aspects of social life which sociologists debate. For example, it is widely known that poorer people have worse health and life expectancy than wealthier citizens – but why? It is clear that females commit fewer crimes than males – but why? These would be just two questions you might study and there will not necessarily be any definitive answers.

Sociology will make you look at everyday life in lots of new ways, so be prepared to be challenged!

## Key units:

### Year 1

- ..... Education with theory and methods
  - ..... Education
  - ..... Methods in context
  - ..... Theory and methods
- Optional content 1) Culture and identity  
2) Families and households 3) Health  
4) Work, poverty and welfare*

### Year 2

- ..... Crime and deviance
  - ..... Theory and methods
- Optional content 1) Beliefs in society  
2) Global development 3) The media  
4) Stratification and differentiation*

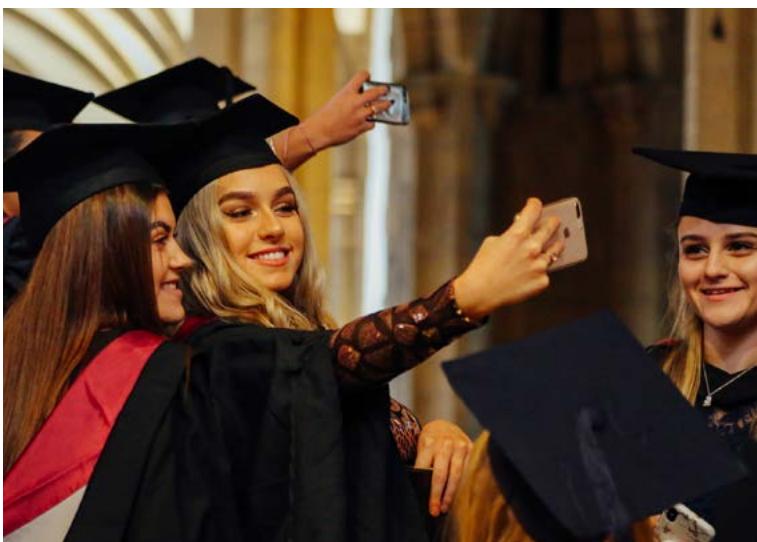


# WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

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**After you have completed your A Levels, you will be in a fantastic position to apply for university, Higher or Degree Apprenticeships, or employment.**

That could be by staying at The Sheffield College and progressing to one of our university level courses. We offer a number of career-driven qualifications which include HNCs, HNDs, Foundation Degrees and Top-up Degrees.



By staying at The Sheffield College, you will be able to take advantage of:

career-drive courses

smaller class sizes than at university

more opportunities for personalised support

the university lifestyle and opportunities to move into student halls

graduation at The Sheffield Cathedral

lower tuition fees

staying local

Other students have gone on to study at universities which include the University of Bristol, University of Cambridge, University of Durham, University of Manchester, University of York, the University of Sheffield and more.

For more information about progressing your study at The Sheffield College, please visit [www.sheffcol.ac.uk/university-level](http://www.sheffcol.ac.uk/university-level)

# HOW TO APPLY

1

If you're currently in Year 11 and at school in Sheffield, Rotherham or Barnsley, you will apply online through Sheffield Progress. Your school will support you through this process.

If you are applying from outside of Sheffield, you can apply on our website by clicking 'Apply Now' on the pages of the A Levels you are interested in.

2

We'll let you know when we've received your application

Check online at Sheffield Progress or, if you have applied through our website, keep an eye on your emails for acknowledgement of receipt.

3

**Application processing**

Our expert team will process your application. Please make sure your contact details are accurate as we may need to contact you to discuss further.

4

**Your first choice**

We will invite you for an interview. It's nothing formal, we just want to make sure the subjects are right for you.

5

### Offer made

We'll make you a conditional offer and remind you of the entry requirements. If you don't think you'll get the grades, don't worry. We will help you explore alternative options.

6

### Keeping in touch

If anything changes before you start, let us know. Just get in touch and we'll help you move forward or apply for something else.

7

### Give us a try

You'll be invited to attend an admissions event to meet your Tutors and some of your classmates.

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### Enrol

You'll be invited to attend a welcome event or enrolment session (we'll contact you with the exact date and time). You'll need to bring things like your exam certificates and ID with you. If you don't get the grades for the A Levels you applied for, come to enrolment anyway and we can arrange an alternative subject or study programme for you.











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